TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1101.

Saturday the 7th November, 1925.

(OFFICIAL REPORT).

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty-five of the Clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Principles of Initial Recruitment in Public Service.

109. **MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table their order laying down the principles of initial recruitment of the various communities in the different departments in the State ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is no Government order laying down authoritatively and definitely " principles of initial recruitment of the various communities in the different departments of the State." The policy in the matter was explained by the Dewan at the 19th and 20th sessions of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly at pages 200 and 134 respectively of the printed proceedings.

MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA (*Nominated*) : Have the Government issued instructions to heads of departments in the matter ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) Yes; Government have issued instructions.

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MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA (*Nominated*) : Can that order be placed on the table ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is not contained in one order. It is spread over several orders. Some confidential instructions have been issued to the heads of departments and these orders cannot be placed on the table.

Appointments in the Account Office.

110. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of acting appointments made in the Account Office since Chingam 1096, and a list of the men who have been confirmed and made *sub pro tem.* since then ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : The list* required by the member is placed on the table.

Waiting Accommodation for Clients and Witnesses attending Law Courts.

111. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Are the Government aware of the hardship experienced by clients and witnesses in Law Courts for want of proper arrangements for their accommodation, and, if not, will they be pleased to enquire into the matter and do the needful ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The matter will be referred to the High Court.

Cultivation of Tobacco in Travancore.

112. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : With reference to their answer to Question No. 59 (*c*) given on the 2nd November 1923, *re* tobacco cultivation in Travancore, will the Government be pleased to state whether the investigation is over and whether there is any place in Travancore suitable for the cultivation of tobacco ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*) : The matter is still under correspondence with the Director of Agriculture and with the Excise Commissioner. As experiments have not as yet been made, Government are not in a position to say whether any part of Travancore is suited for tobacco cultivation.

Communal Representation in the Judicial Department.

113. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any system of rotation is followed in the Judicial Department in realising adequate representation of various communities n the matter of appointment of Munsiffs, Judges, etc. ;

(*b*) if so, what it is ;

* *Vide* Appendix I—pages 490 and 491.

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